



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS TX 75202-2733

FEB 27 2015

GENERAL NOTICE LETTER -- URGENT LEGAL MATTER

PROMPT REPLY NECESSARY, CERTIFIED MAIL: #7014 0150 0000 2452 7985

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Philip Reclamation Services, Houston, LLC
5151 San Felipe, Suite 1100
Houston, Texas 77056

RE: General Notice Letter for the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Superfund Site in
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of your potential liability at the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Superfund Site (Site) and to invite you to join in settlement negotiations with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The street address for the Site is 4904 Griggs Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas. The street addresses of the contiguous properties that are parts of the Site are 4900 Griggs Road and 5910 Wayland Street. The Site is surrounded by residential, educational and commercial properties. Based on available information, the EPA has determined that you may be responsible under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law, for cleanup of the Site or costs the EPA has incurred in cleaning up the Site.

Explanation of Potential Liability

A Superfund Site is a place that is contaminated with hazardous substances at levels that may present a threat to human health or the environment. Under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, potentially responsible parties (PRPs) may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health and welfare or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by the EPA in cleaning up the Site. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of the Site, as well as persons who sent or transported hazardous substances to the Site for disposal or treatment or who arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous substances at the Site.

Under CERCLA, specifically Sections 106(a) and 107(a), PRPs may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by the EPA in cleaning up the Site, unless the PRP can show divisibility of harm or any of the statutory defenses. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of a site, as well as persons who arranged for treatment and/or disposal of any hazardous substances found at the site, and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport and selected the site to which the hazardous substances were delivered.

You have been identified as a PRP who either sent hazardous substances for disposal or treatment to the Site or generated certain hazardous substances that the EPA has found at the Site. For this reason the attached General Notice concerning the removal action (Enclosure 1) is being sent to you. The General Notice requests your cooperation in conducting the on-going removal action at the Site and for reimbursement of past and future costs. Enclosure 2 contains copies of the documents used to identify you as a PRP. Enclosure 3 contains a list of the entities who are receiving this General Notice.

Site Background

This Site is a former chemical recycling facility that filed for bankruptcy in 2010. Prior to the bankruptcy, the Site had been owned and operated by CES Environmental Services, Inc. The Site is now under the control of a Trustee for the Estate appointed by the Bankruptcy Court. The Estate does not have the funding necessary to address the conditions at the Site. The Site consists of approximately eleven vacuum boxes, two roll-off boxes, twelve frac tanks, two tanker trailers, 20 aboveground storage tanks, 15 waste water treatment tanks, waste piles, and numerous totes, vats, drums, and smaller containers. Additionally, there was spillage of chemicals to exterior surfaces as well as building interiors. The Site has experienced significant vandalism since its bankruptcy in 2010. Additionally, recent spills have occurred due to vandalism which has resulted in the spillage of chemicals and waste to the ground surface and into an adjacent residential neighborhood. Removal is time critical per the Action Memo.

The information provided by the Estate's consultant shows that there are hazardous wastes along with various hazardous substances within containers located on the Site. The hazardous substances include but are not limited to benzene (D018), creosol (D023-026), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (D042), pH (D002), ignitability (D001), MEK (D035), and 1,2-dichloroethane (D028). These chemicals are hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), and further defined at 40 C.F.R. 302.4.

Response Actions to Date

On or about September 3, 2014, the EPA mobilized its contractors to begin addressing the wastes and spills at the Site. The EPA's Time Critical Removal Action has addressed the following:

1. Management of stormwater to reduce off-site overflow of contaminated stormwater from the Site.
2. Removal of wastes from ten of twelve vacuum boxes and from two of two roll-off boxes.
3. Removal of wastes from eight of twelve frac tanks. Three frac tanks currently hold wastes.
4. Removal of liquid, i.e., pump able, wastes from eleven of twenty-three aboveground storage tanks (AST). Sludge and residual materials remain until sludge removal and tank cleaning of ASTs is completed.
5. Empty totes/drums have been segregated for temporary storage.
6. Waste piles dumped to the ground from the theft of seven roll-off boxes was removed by the Trustee.
7. Lab chemicals/company process samples were collected and disposed by the Trustee.
8. Process chemicals were collected and disposed by the Trustee.

Upon reviewing the enclosed General Notice, please provide a written response to Mr. Robert Werner, Enforcement Officer at 214-665-6724 within **60 calendar days** after you receive this letter. Your response must identify of your intent to, or not to, enter into settlement negotiations with the EPA concerning this matter. Please mail your written response to Mr. Werner at the address that appears in the General Notice.

We look forward to working with you during the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl E. Edlund", followed by the word "Acting" written in a smaller, less legible script.

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.
Director
Superfund Division

Enclosures (4)

ENCLOSURE 1
GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING
CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

This General Notice is from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This General Notice is directed to you, the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) of the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Site (Site). This General Notice does five things:

1. This General Notice tells you that you may be responsible for the presence of hazardous substances found at the Site. When we say "Site" or "property" in this General Notice, we mean the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Site. The street address for the Site is 4904 Griggs Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas. The street addresses of the contiguous properties that are parts of the Site are 4900 Griggs Road and 5910 Wayland Street. This General Notice is issued under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund).
2. This General Notice provides you with background information leading up to the EPA's investigation of the Site and the EPA's activities to determine the source(s) of the contamination at the Site.
3. This General Notice invites you to meet and enter a settlement with the EPA as a Settling Party regarding the cleanup of this Site and cooperation in conducting the on-going removal action at the Site and for reimbursement of past and future costs.
4. This General Notice advises you that, if you request the EPA to do so, the EPA will consider your ability to pay in determining an appropriate settlement amount.
5. This General Notice provides to you the names of all entities, i.e., PRPs, to which this General Notice will be mailed.

NOTICE THAT YOU MAY BE LIABLE

Under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, responsible parties are those who are current owners or operators of a facility, past owners or operators who owned or operated the facility at the time hazardous substances were released or disposed of at the facility, persons who arranged for disposal or treatment at the facility (usually the person(s) who generated the hazardous substance) or persons who selected that facility and transported the hazardous substances to the facility. Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, states that responsible parties are liable to the United States for the costs it has incurred or will incur conducting a response action such as that proposed for the Site. A PRP is therefore responsible for performing the cleanup action in accordance with the EPA requirements, paying for the cleanup by the EPA and reimbursing the Federal Government for past and future costs of the cleanup activities.

BACKGROUND

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chemicals to exterior surfaces as well as building interiors. The Site has experienced significant vandalism since its bankruptcy in 2010. Additionally, recent spills have occurred due to vandalism which has resulted in the spillage of chemicals and waste to the ground surface and into an adjacent residential neighborhood. Emergency responses to these spills have involved the Estate, City of Houston, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the EPA. These spill responses were addressed by TCEQ and the EPA.

The information provided by the Estate's consultant shows that there are hazardous wastes along with various hazardous substances within containers located on the Site. The hazardous substances include but are not limited to Benzene (D018), Creosol (D023-026), 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol (D042), pH (D002), Ignitability (D001), MEK (D035), and 1,2-Dichloroethane (D028). These chemicals are hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), and further defined at 40 C.F.R. 302.4.

Response Actions to Date

On or about September 3, 2014, the EPA mobilized its contractors to begin addressing the wastes and spills at the Site. As of December 19, 2014, the EPA Team has addressed the following:

1. Management of stormwater to reduce off-site overflow of contaminated stormwater from the Site.
2. Removal of wastes from ten of twelve vacuum boxes and from two of two roll-off boxes.
3. Removal of wastes from eight of twelve frac tanks. Three frac tanks currently hold wastes.
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PARTICIPATION

The EPA is inviting you to enter into a settlement with the EPA. In addition to avoiding the costs of litigation, settling with the EPA provides you with another advantage. Under the Superfund law, settling with the EPA helps protect you should another responsible party sue you for costs which that party pays to the EPA. Also, if you choose not to settle with the EPA, then the EPA may take civil administrative action and, ultimately, the EPA may request civil judicial action. A list of entities receiving this General Notice letter is included as Enclosure 3 to this letter.

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET

The EPA will also provide you the opportunity to meet with the EPA representatives to discuss your desire to enter into a settlement with the EPA.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS/ABILITY TO PAY SETTLEMENTS

The EPA is aware the financial ability of some PRPs to contribute toward the cleanup and/or payment of response costs at a site may be substantially limited. If you believe and can document that you fall within that category, please contact Mr. Robert Werner at 214-665-6724 for information on "Ability to Pay Settlements." In response, you will receive a package of information about the potential for such settlements. If the EPA concludes that you have a legitimate inability to pay the full amount of the EPA's costs, the EPA may offer a schedule for payment over time or a reduction in the total amount demanded from you.

Also, please note that because the EPA has a potential claim against you, if your financial status changes in any significant way, i.e., filing for bankruptcy, you must include the EPA as a creditor.

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

On January 11, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Superfund Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. This Act contains several exemptions and defenses to CERCLA liability, which we suggest that all parties evaluate. You may obtain a copy of the law via the Internet at:

<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/sblbra.htm>

and review the EPA guidance regarding these exemptions at:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund>

The EPA has created a number of helpful resources for small businesses. The EPA has established the National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse as well as Compliance Assistance Centers, which offer various forms of resources to small businesses. You may inquire about these resources at www.epa.gov.

In addition, the EPA Small Business Ombudsman may be contacted at www.epa.gov/sbo. Finally, the EPA developed a fact sheet about the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA), which is enclosed with this letter (Enclosure 4).

YOUR RESPONSE TO EPA

Please notify Mr. Werner in writing at the address indicated below *within 60 calendar days after you receive this letter* to indicate your willingness to enter in good faith as a Settling Party. **If the EPA does not receive your written response within 60 calendar days after you receive this letter, the EPA will assume you do not wish be a Settling Party and the EPA will then take whatever actions are necessary to abate the potential threat to human health and the environment posed by contaminants on the property.**

Your response to this letter should be directed to:

Mr. Robert Werner
Enforcement Officer (6SF-TE)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202
Telephone: 214-665-6724, Fax: 214-665-6660
werner.robert@epa.gov

If you or your attorney have legal questions pertaining to this matter, please direct them to:

Ms. Amy Salinas
Assistant Regional Counsel (6RC-S)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202
Telephone: 214-665-8063, Fax: 214-665-6460
salinas.amy@epa.gov

The discussions of fact or law in this General Notice are meant to help you understand CERCLA and the EPA's actions at the Site. The discussions of fact and law are not final positions on any matter discussed in this General Notice.

ENCLOSURE 2
GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING
CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

EVIDENTIARY DOCUMENTATION

SAMPLES OF EVIDENCE

Enclosed are copies of samples of documented evidence that identifies the name of your company. The examples are not intended to represent all the evidence in CES records. It is only a representative sample that identifies:

1. A waste hazardous substance that was generated by your company and was transported to the Site for disposal and/or recycling, or
2. A waste hazardous substance that was generated by your company and that was transported in a CES tanker trailer to a facility other than the Site for disposal and/or recycling. The EPA believes that residue of the waste hazardous substance that had been transported in the CES tanker trailer was released at the Site when the interior of the CES tanker trailer was cleaned at the Site.

TRUCK-283
TRAILER-15814

31419

Please print or type. (Form designed for use on elite (12-pitch) typewriter.)

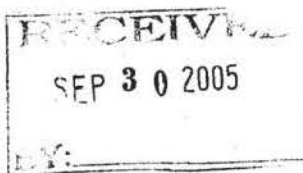
Form Approved, OMB No. 2050-0039

UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST		1. Generator ID Number TXD074196338		2. Page 1 of 1		3. Emergency Response Phone (877) 577-2669		4. Manifest Tracking Number 005459269 JJK		
5. Generator's Name and Mailing Address PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES HOUSTON, LLC 4050 HOMESTEAD ROAD HOUSTON TX 77028 (713)674-2406				Generator's Site Address (if different than mailing address) PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES HOUSTON, LLC 4050 HOMESTEAD ROAD HOUSTON TX 77028 (713)674-2406						
6. Transporter 1 Company Name CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				U.S. EPA ID Number TXD008950461						
7. Transporter 2 Company Name				U.S. EPA ID Number						
8. Designated Facility Name and Site Address TEXAS MOLECULAR 2525 BATTLEGROUND ROAD Facility's Phone: DEERPARK, TX 77536 (281) 930-2525				U.S. EPA ID Number TXD000719518						
GENERATOR	9a. HM	9b. U.S. DOT Description (including Proper Shipping Name, Hazard Class, ID Number, and Packing Group (if any))	10. Containers		11. Total Quantity	12. Unit Wt./Vol.	13. Waste Codes			
			No.	Type			TSDF	203H	D002	
	X	1. UN1760 WASTE CORROSIVE LIQUIDS, N.O.S. 8 PGII (ACETIC ACID, WATER) RQ(RQ)	1	TT	15280	P				
		2.								
		3.								
		4.								
14. Special Handling Instructions and Additional Information (1) 11804030-00 - CES 82039										
15. GENERATOR'S/OFFEROR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by the proper shipping name, and are classified, packaged, marked and labeled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable international and national governmental regulations. If export shipment and I am the Primary Exporter, I certify that the contents of this consignment conform to the terms of the attached EPA Acknowledgment of Consent. I certify that the waste minimization statement identified in 40 CFR 262.27(a) (if I am a large quantity generator) or (b) (if I am a small quantity generator) is true.										
Generator's/Offoror's Printed/Typed Name: <u>Valerie Aguilar</u> Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> Month: <u>12</u> Day: <u>23</u> Year: <u>09</u>										
INTL	16. International Shipments <input type="checkbox"/> Import to U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Export from U.S. Port of entry/exit: _____ Date leaving U.S.: _____									
	17. Transporter Acknowledgment of Receipt of Materials									
TRANSPORTER	Transporter 1 Printed/Typed Name: <u>PETER SEMIEN JR.</u> Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> Month: <u>12</u> Day: <u>23</u> Year: <u>09</u>									
	Transporter 2 Printed/Typed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____									
DESIGNATED FACILITY	18. Discrepancy									
	18a. Discrepancy Indication Space <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity <input type="checkbox"/> Type <input type="checkbox"/> Residue <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Rejection <input type="checkbox"/> Full Rejection									
	Manifest Reference Number: _____									
	18b. Alternate Facility (or Generator) _____ U.S. EPA ID Number _____									
	Facility's Phone: _____									
	18c. Signature of Alternate Facility (or Generator) _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____									
19. Hazardous Waste Report Management Method Codes (i.e., codes for hazardous waste treatment, disposal, and recycling systems)										
	1.	2.	3.	4.						
20. Designated Facility Owner or Operator: Certification of receipt of hazardous materials covered by the manifest except as noted in Item 18a										
Printed/Typed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____										

PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES - HOUSTON

EPA No.: TXD074196338
 Federal Tax No. 76-0284668
 Phone: (713) 679-2300
 Fax: (713) 671-9668

INVOICE



Invoice Number 62820547

Invoice Date 09/28/05

Order Number 58830

SOM # 62828651

Terms Net 30 Days

CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC
 4904 GRIGGS ROAD
 HOUSTON ,TX 77221

Remit To:
 PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES
 PO Box 3069
 Houston, Texas 77253-3069

Work Order Comments:

Salesperson BURTON, GARY
 Job Number 1

Purchase Order/Release # -

Billing Comment

Generator		C LEE COOK									
Manifest	LN #	Profile/Ver.	Ref #	Description	Qty	Size	Type	Price	UOM	Extended Price	
DISPOSAL											
3946463	01A	52418-0		COOLANT CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD & TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	250.000		TP	1.6500	GA	412.50	
FEES, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES											
				TEXAS INTRASTATE WASTE FEE	1.120			8.0000	TN	8.96	

Service Date: 3946463 - 09/09/05

Generator 11327720
 Sub-total 421.46

Sales Tax Amount Total Invoice Amount 421.46

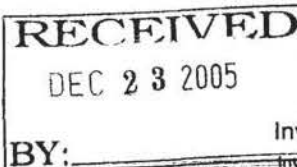
*C LEE COOK
 Sludge + COOLANT*

POSTED

PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES - HOUSTON

EPA No.: TXD074196338
 Federal Tax No. 76-0284668
 Phone: (713) 679-2300
 Fax: (713) 671-9668

INVOICE



Invoice Number 62822025

Invoice Date 12/21/05

Order Number 62983

SOM # 62830148

Terms Net 30 Days

CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC
 4904 GRIGGS ROAD
 HOUSTON ,TX 77221

Remit To:
 PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES
 PO Box 3069
 Houston, Texas 77253-3069

Work Order Comments:

Salesperson BURTON, GARY
 Job Number 1

Purchase Order/Release # -

Billing Comment

Generator		C LEE COOK									
Manifest	LN #	Profile/Ver.	Ref #	Description	Qty	Size	Type	Price	UOM	Extended Price	
DISPOSAL											
3956778	01A	52418-0		COOLANT CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD & TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	250.000		TP	1.6500	GA	412.50	
FEES, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES											
				TEXAS INTRASTATE WASTE FEE	.940			8.0000	TN	7.52	
Service Date: 3956778 - 12/19/05											
Generator 11327720								Sub-total		420.02	

Sales Tax Amount Total Invoice Amount **420.02**

POSTED
 1-6-06

C Lee Cook
Haz Waste

PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES - HOUSTON

EPA No.: TXD074196338
 Federal Tax No. 76-0284668
 Phone: (713) 679-2300
 Fax: (713) 671-9668

INVOICE

Invoice Number 62808844

Invoice Date 11/06/03

Order Number 25052

SOM # 62816409

Terms Net 30 Days

CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC
 4904 GRIGGS ROAD
 HOUSTON ,TX 77221

Remit To:
 PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES
 PO Box 3069, Department 2
 Houston, Texas 77253-3069

Work Order Comments:

— Salesperson BURTON, GARY

Job Number 1

Purchase Order/Release # -

Billing Comment

Generator		C LEE COOK								
Manifest	LN #	Profile/Ver.	Ref #	Description	Qty	Size	Type	Price	UOM	Extended Price
DISPOSAL										
3323923	01A	52418-0		COOLANT CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD & TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	350.000			1.6500	GA	577.50
FEES, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES										
				TEXAS INTRASTATE WASTE FEE	1.718			8.0000	TN	13.74

Service Date: 3323923 - 11/05/03

Generator 11327720	Tax	
	Sub-total	591.24

Sales Tax Amount

Total Invoice Amount

591.24

POSTED
 12-10-03

RECEIVED
 11-13-03

EPAHO012000683



INVOICE

PHILIP INDUSTRIAL SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC.
316 GEORGIA AVENUE
DEER PARK, TX 77536

Invoice Number: 10106922 RI 101
Invoice Date: 12/20/00

281 476-0291 Fax 281 476-5943

1150431
CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
3901 TRAILMOBILE DR.
HOUSTON, TX 77013

CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Customer Reference Numbers

CONTRACT N/A
N/A

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Customer Message:

	Description	Quantity	UM	Unit Price	Amount
VACUUM AS DIRECTED WORK ORDER 2010249 12/07/00					
5908	TRUCK VAC 70BBL W/OPERATOR 101	8.50	Hour	60.0000	510.00
7356	PPE LEVEL C & D	1.00	Each	19.0000	19.00
	SUBTOTAL: WORK ORDER 2010249				529.00
	SUBTOTAL:				529.00
	TOTAL DUE:				529.00

Serv.Orders: SO 108999

PAID
01/02/01

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Remit to:

P.O. BOX 201056
HOUSTON, TX 77216-1056

Payment Terms: Net 30 Days
Net Due Date: 01/19/01

ENCLOSURE 3
GENERAL NOTICE LETTER REGARDING
CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ENTITIES TO WHICH THIS GENERAL NOTICE WILL BE MAILED

The Lubrizol Corporation
Advanced Aromatics, L.P
AMTEX Machine Products, Inc.
Andergauge Drilling Systems
Arkema Inc.
Ball Corporation
Canrig Drilling Technology Ltd.
Century Asphalt (Humble) d/b/a for Baytown Asphalt Materials, Ltd.
Champion Technologies (Merged into Nalco Company)
Citgo Petroleum Corporation (Citgo Refinery)
Cross Oil & Refining & Marketing, Inc..
Dover Corporation - Cook Compression (C Lee Cook)
Evalca Company of America
KMCO, Inc. (new name is Ramsey Properties, L.P.)
PGI International, LTD (merged into Parker-Hannifin Corporation)
Philip Reclamation Services Houston, LLC
Plaquemine Point Shipyard, Sunshine, LA
PPG Industries, Inc.
Praxair, Inc.
Proler Southwest
Quest Chemical Corporation
RasGas in Qatar @ KMTEX
Sierra Chemical Corporation
Skyhawk Chemicals, Inc.
Smithfield BioEnergy, LLC
Sun Coast Resources, Inc.
T. T. Barge Mile (Barge Mile 183, 237)
T. T. Barge Cleaning Mile 183, Inc. (d/b/a T.T. Barge [Mile 183])
T. T. Barges Services Mile 237 LLC (d/b/a T T Barge Mile [Barge Mile 237])
T.T. Barge (Mile 237)
T3 Energy Services-Cypress
Taber Extrusions
Targa Midstream Services LP
Tenaris Coiled Tube, LLC (Beitway 8) a-k-a Precision Tube
Texas Oil Tools, NOV (Conroe)

Texas Water Management

Total Petrochemicals, Inc. - Port Arthur

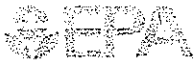
Transmontaing Product Service

Valero Refining-Texas, L.P. (d/b/a Valero Refining Co of Texas)

ZaCh System Corporation (Ampac)

ENCLOSURE 4
GENERAL NOTICE LETTER REGARDING
CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES FACT SHEET



Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
INFORMATION SHEET

U. S. EPA Small Business Resources

If you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a variety of compliance assistance resources such as workshops, training sessions, hotlines, websites, and guides to assist you in complying with federal and state environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations, improve compliance, and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

Compliance Assistance Centers

(www.assistancecenters.net)

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established Compliance Assistance Centers that provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses.

Agriculture

(www.epa.gov/agriculture or 1-888-663-2155)

Automotive Recycling Industry

(www.ecarcenter.org)

Automotive Service and Repair

(www.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK)

Chemical Industry

(www.chemalliance.org)

Construction Industry

(www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Education

(www.campuserc.org)

Healthcare Industry

(www.hercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Metal Finishing

(www.nmfrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Paints and Coatings

(www.paintcenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing

(www.pwborc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printing

(www.pneac.org or 1-888-USPNEAC)

Transportation Industry

(www.transource.org)

Tribal Governments and Indian Country

(www.epa.gov/tribal/compliance or 202-564-2516)

US Border Environmental Issues

(www.bordercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

The Centers also provide State Resource Locators

(www.envcap.org/statetools/index.cfm) for a wide range of topics to help you find important environmental compliance information specific to your state.

EPA Websites

EPA has several Internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. If you don't have access to the Internet at your business, many public libraries provide access to the Internet at minimal or no cost.

EPA's Home Page

www.epa.gov

Small Business Gateway

www.epa.gov/smallbusiness

Compliance Assistance Home Page

www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

www.epa.gov/compliance

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U.S. EPA SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Hotlines, Helplines & Clearinghouses

(www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm)

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. A few examples are listed below:

Clean Air Technology Center

(www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-0800)

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act

(www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/infocenter/epcra.htm or 1-800-424-9346)

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline provides regulatory and technical assistance information.

(www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

The National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from the U.S. EPA, states, and other compliance assistance providers.

(www.epa.gov/clearinghouse)

National Response Center to report oil and hazardous substance spills.

(www.nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802)

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse

(www.epa.gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799)

Safe Drinking Water Hotline

(www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html or 1-800-426-4791)

Stratospheric Ozone Refrigerants Information

(www.epa.gov/ozone or 1-800-296-1996)

Toxics Assistance Information Service also includes asbestos inquiries.

(1-202-554-1404)

Wetlands Helpline

(www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/welline.html or 1-800-832-7828)

State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information or the following two resources:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman

(www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

Small Business Environmental Homepage

(www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org or 1-724-452-4722)

Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated,

businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses:

The Small Business Compliance Policy

(www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness)

Audit Policy

(www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing)

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an SBA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) designation, number of employees, or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.